in October, 1993 and the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed accordingly. The TEC accorded by CEA had also stipulated that Phase-II of the project could start only after GoM/MSEB ensured absorption of the entire power within Maharashtra system or by entering into agreements with entities outside Maharashtra. However, the Negotiating Group/Expert Committee constituted by GoM during 1995-96 observed that load studies of MSEB indicated the need of additional energy for MSEB and, therefore, the Committee recommended acceptance of 90% load factor for the entire project since MSEB would have the advantage of additional energy at reduced rate. After considering recommendations of the Negotiating Group/Expert Committee, the GoM decided to go ahead with the implementation of Phase-II.

Utilisation of CISF for private industries

*49. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CISF can be utilised for safety and security of private industries;

(b) if so, the name of the private companies where CISF are being utilised;

(c) if not, whether CISF was utilised in BALCO, Corba, from March, 2001, onwards after management and ownership had been handed over to private management; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The CISF has been constituted as an armed force of the Union for the protection and security of Industrial Undertakings owned by the Central Government. The force can also be deployed in an organisation which is owned or funded by the Central Government. On the request of an industrial establishment in the private sector, technical consultancy service relating to security can be provided on

payment of such fee as may be prescribed. Over and above these the force can be entrusted with any duty by the Central Government.

(b) Under the directions of the Supreme Court *vide* orders dated 9.12.94 and 21.4.95, CISF have been providing security to M/s Rohtas Industries Ltd., Dalmiya Nagar, Dist. Rohtas (Bihar) *w.e.f.* 11.5.95.

(c) and (d) Prior to disinvestment, BALCO was a Public Sector Undertaking and accordingly CISF was deployed for the security of the plant. However, after the disinvestment of 51% of the equity and the change in management, Government have decided to withdraw the CISF. The withdrawal will be effected by 31.8.2001 and in the meantime BALCO management will make its own arrangements for security.

Projects awarded to MNCs

*50. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects of Rupees ten crore and above given to multinational companies/foreign companies during the last two years;

(b) the procedure adopted in awarding such projects; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has ignored the public sector undertakings like BHEL, GAIL, EIL and awarded contracts of various projects to MNCs and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Power projects are generally awarded to private sector companies (including multinational/foreign companies) by the concerned State Governments/State owned utilities. The private power projects whose capital cost exceeds the ceiling limits prescribed by the Government of India by notification issued under Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, are required to obtain the Techno-economic Clearance (TEC) of Central Electricity Authority (CEA). A list indicating details of power projects having foreign equity